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Rector to share stories of life being lived at 'Ground Zero'

BY REBECCA BUNCH
 Editor

When the Rev. Dr. Lyndon Harris, rector of St. Paul's Chapel, Trinity Parish, New York City, agreed to come to Edenton to visit an old friend, the Rev. Thomas Rickenbaker, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, neither could have known the significance of that promise made in the days before the terror-

ist attacks of Sept. 11 that resulted in the collapse of the twin towers of the World Trade Center. Fortunately, his church, located adjacent to "Ground Zero," survived the deadly attack.

According to Anne Greer, who is preparing a year-long series of articles on St. Paul's Church in Edenton's 300th anniversary, "Father Rickenbaker's invitation, made in August, came as part of that anni-



The Rev. Dr. Lyndon Harris talks with rescue workers at Ground Zero in the aftermath of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. (Photo courtesy of Trinity Parish)

versary, in an effort to bring others to speak on behalf of a long-term anglican tradition.

"The tragedy of Sept. 11, however, intervened. It is a testament to Dr. Harris that he will continue his commitment to be in Edenton on Saturday, Jan. 26, at Swain Auditorium at 7 p.m.," Greer said.

As the human tragedy of Sept. 11 continued to unfold, Dr. Harris found himself right in the middle of relief efforts.

His church is serving as a "round the clock" relief center for emergency workers at the site of the World Trade Center.

In a Trinity Church publication, Dr. Harris is quoted as saying, "...that Monday (Sept. 11), I found myself on the edge of a war zone and in the middle of a completely unexpected new ministry."

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Relief workers providing food and other necessities have been a familiar sight in New York since the World Trade Center attacks. (Photo courtesy Trinity Parish)

Tri-county meeting on flyovers slated

BY REBECCA BUNCH
 Editor

In response to concerns raised in neighboring Bertie and Perquimans counties about the Navy's consideration of those communities as a possible location for an outlying landing field (see Page 3-A for details), Chowan County Manager Cliff Copeland said Tuesday morning that he plans to join his counterparts in those counties, along with officials from Pasquotank County, for a meeting to discuss "both our research and response."

"My office has received many letters in opposition to the military's proposal," Copeland noted. "Additional letters are encouraged. As additional information is gathered we will make it available on our website and to The Chowan Herald."

Copeland said that while Chowan County has been eliminated from an earlier list

of potential sites, officials here "are extremely concerned about the potential impact of locating an outlying airfield in either Bertie or Perquimans County. While the fields per se are not located in Chowan County soil, the landing fields are in such close proximity to Chowan County that noise patterns will be a major concern."

Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Richard Bunch, whose son serves in the U.S. Air Force, said that while "No one supports our military more than Jean (his wife) and I, we do not need this site in northeastern North Carolina. This is a serious matter, one that will impact northeastern North Carolina for decades and we will need a clear understanding of what an OLF (Outlying Lying Field) is and the potential effects."

Bunch noted that officials here first met with U.S. Navy

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Edenton represented on White House staff

President George Bush's White House staff includes an appointee with ties to Edenton, the White House announced today. She is Elizabeth Smith Dougherty, Special Assistant to the President, Domestic Policy Council.

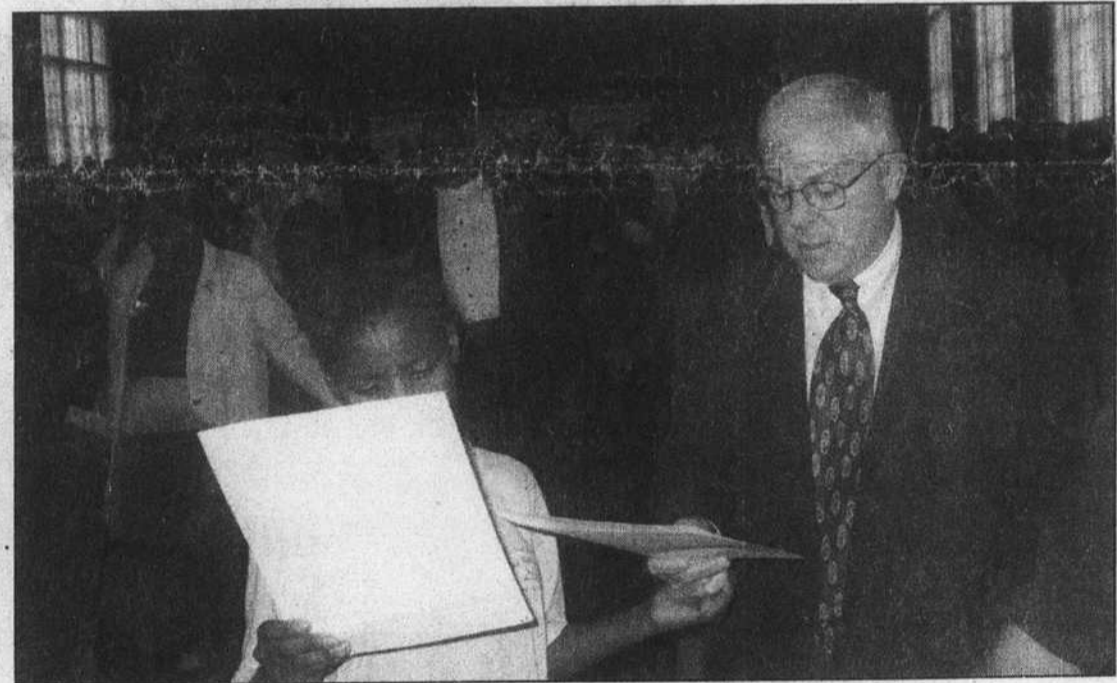
Liz Dougherty is the daughter of Robert Bland Smith Jr., formerly of Edenton, and the granddaughter of the late Pete and Sarah Lee Smith of Edenton.

Dougherty received her undergraduate degree cum laude from Duke University in 1990 and her law degree from the University of Virginia in 1994.

Prior to joining the Bush

Administration, she served as counsel to Sen. Mike Enzi (R-WY) and chief counsel to the Senate Subcommittee on Employment, Safety and Training. In her current position, she is responsible for giving policy advice on issues relating to labor, transportation and veterans affairs.

"Working at the White House is the honor of a lifetime," said President Bush. "I am privileged to share this experience with a great team of dedicated people. Some are new to this place and some have worked in past administrations. But we all share the same basic purpose: we are here to serve the American people."



This is what it's all about

Our community came together to honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday Monday at Swain Auditorium in Edenton. The reminder to serve our children and each other was the format of the celebration. (Staff photo Helen Kerr Outland) (See story on page 11-A)

Shadowing planned at businesses

On Monday, Feb. 4, Chowan County schools and community businesses will participate in the fourth National Groundhog Job Shadow Day.

This event is an opportunity to recognize and celebrate the importance of students experiencing the workplace firsthand.

Job shadowing enables students to shadow a workplace mentor as he or she goes through a typical day on the job, providing an up-close look at how the skills learned in school are put into actions in the workplace.

To participate, call Beverly Jones, Chowan Middle School, (252) 221-4131; Brenda Spruill, Chamber of Commerce, (252) 482-3400.

Chamber plans work for the year

By DAVE CRAWLEY
 Publisher

Chamber members turned out in big numbers last Thursday morning as new board members along with chamber staff solicited input on ideas from fund raising to business development and education.

As Chamber Executive Director, Richard Bunch as well as this year's President Larry Spivey welcomed the near-capacity crowd they were encouraged to enjoy the great country breakfast, enjoy some great networking and come up with

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Chamber Director Richard Bunch surveys the crowd at the forum

Rocky Hock plans Meals on Wheels

BY HELEN K. OUTLAND
 Staff Writer

Statistics show there are over eight million people living in North Carolina. Of that eight million 986 thousand are over 60. For many in that age bracket, life is good. Savings and retirement plans during years of hard work have secured them financial stability for the golden years.

However, this is not the case for many other seniors. These seniors know going to bed hungry, cold, and lonely. They live with the daily struggle of using food monies to purchase exorbitantly priced medications or choosing hunger over buying

fuel to simply keep warm. For rural seniors that farmed and lived off the land all their lives, things are worse. For many of the rural senior there are not any pension or retirement plans to sustain them in the golden years. Nor do they have either the strength or resources to garner a living. Going to bed hungry and lonely is poor reward for well-lived lives.

"There are 3,458 over the age of 60 in Chowan County," says Myra Mock, Volunteer Administrator for the Albemarle Commission for Region R. Region R of the com-

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ALBEMARLE CHORALE

will perform in concert
 January 27 at 4 pm

Edenton United Methodist Church
 Reception to follow

FATHER LYNDON HARRIS

Saturday, Jan. 26, at 7 pm
 Swain Auditorium in Edenton

of St. Paul's Church in NYC will speak about the challenges faced by the city and his congregation